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Of the Officers of the Town of

Benton, N. H.

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR
Ira E. Elliot

TOWN CLERK
Floyd J. Hutchins

SELECTMEN

Charles H. Tyler, Term expires '43
William Prue, Term expires '43
John G. Elliott Term expires '45

HIGHWAY AGENT, Joseph Boutin, Jr.

TREASURER
Margaret E. Elliott

TAX COLLECTOR
Ira E. Elliott

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Napoleon Burke, Charles Tyler, Ethel A. Boutin

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Floyd J. Hutchins

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Mildred A. Elliott, Laura Noxon, Frances Mardin

FENCE VIEWER, Paul Buzzel

CONSTABLE, Ira E. Elliott

SCHOOL BOARD

Alexzina Boutin, Floyd J. Hutchins, Ethel A. Boutin

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Napoleon Burke, John Elliott, Floyd Hutchins, Ch.

SEXTONS

Charles C. Tyler, Mt. View and East
William Prue, South Benton

AUDITOR, Ethel A. Boutin

BALLOT CLERKS

William Crowe, Alfred Mardin, Joseph Boutin, Jr. and Thelma Boutin

LIBRARIAN, Margaret E. Elliott

HEALTH OFFICER, John Boutin

RELIEF AGENT, Charles H. Tyler

POUND KEEPER, Vacant

William Prue was the appointed Selectman to fill the vacancy of the late Stephen H. Dexter.

Town Meeting Warrant

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Benton Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the ninth, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, one Selectman for one year, one Highway Agent, one Tax Collector, one Town Treasurer, one Auditor, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, and all other necessary Town Officers and Agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To hear the Reports of Officers and Agents heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 3. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers' salaries and expenses, for the repair and maintenance and construction of highways and bridges, for the observance of Memorial Day and for all other Town charges and expenses for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see what action the Town will take in regards to how Memorial Day will be observed.

Article 5. To see what action the Town will take to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.

Article 6. To see what action the Town will take in regards to keeping Town Highways open for motor vehicle traffic for the winter season including snow removal and sanding and make the necessary appropriation of the same.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 8. To see what action the Town will take in regards to securing State Aid for highways and to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for that purpose.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise $15.00 for the White Mountain Region Association.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Clerk to turn the uncollected dog license list to the police department for collection not later than July 1st.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the so called Whitcherville road and also the old road leading from Ernest Coates towards the Prue farm.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell property taken by tax deeds, for taxes.

Article 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 8th day of February, A. D., 1943.

C. H. TYLER,
W. H. PRUE,
J. G. ELLIOTT,
Selectmen of Benton.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST
C. H. TYLER,
W. H. PRUE,
J. G. ELLIOTT

BUDGET OF TOWN OF BENTON, N. H.

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the ensuing year, Feb. 1st, 1943, to Feb. 1st, 1944

Compared with

Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous year, Feb. 1st, 1942, to Feb. 1st, 1943.

Sources of Revenue	**actual 1942**	**est'm'd 1943**
FROM STATE:		
Interest and Dividend Tax	$ 32.86	$ 32.00
Railroad Tax	13.02	13.00
Savings Bank Tax	9.82	9.00
Bounties	25.20	18.80
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:		
Interest and Costs Included	72.27	60.00
Auto Permits	136.85	120.00
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES:		
Poll Taxes (1942)	112.00	130.00
Dog Taxes	40.00	40.00
Income, Forest Reserve, (Est.)	200.00	200.00
Income, House Bill No. 65, (Est.)	700.00	700.00
Income, Trust Funds	124.25	124.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	77.56	70.00

TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	$1,516 30
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes:	3,985.85
TOTAL REVENUES	**$5,502 65**

Purpose of Expenditures

Current Maintenance Expenses:

	actual 1942	est'm'd 1943
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Town Officers' Salaries	$383.80	$380.00
Town Officers' Expenses	263.49	260.00
Election and Registration	168.36	50.00
Care & supplies Community Building	28.46	100.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:		
Police Department	5.00	10.00
Bounties	18.80	
HEALTH:		
Health Department	5.00	5.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	5.00
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:		
Town Roads	535.07	550.00
Flood	955.65	955.65
Snow	680.37	700.00
LIBRARIES:		
Libraries	12.00	12.00

CHARITIES:		
Town Poor & Old Age Ass't.	109.29	200.00
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:		
Memorial Day	20.83	20.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:		
Cemeteries	88.60	50.00
Payment on Note	89.28	88.00
Interest on Note	31.05	32.00
State Aid Construction	163.43	170.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		
County Tax	343.48	400.00
White Mountain Region	15.00	15.00
Payments to School District	2,080.00	1,500.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		$5,502.65

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

April 1, 1942

Land and Buildings		$72,470.00
Electric Plants		30,990.00
Horses (28)		4,275.00
Cows (113)		8,865.00
Neat Stock (15)		785.00
Portable Mills (1)		800.00
Wood and Lumber		5,781.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks		200.00
Stock in Trade		304.98
		$124,470.98
Polls (85) @ 2.00	$170.00	
Amount of Taxes to be committed to Collector		$3,231.96
Polls		170.00
Total		$3,401.96
Average Rate per cent of taxation for all purposes		$2.46
1942 Valuation	$124,470.98	
1941 Valuation	112,627.00	
1942 Increase	$11,843.98	

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED 1942, TOWN OF BENTON

Town Officers' Salaries	$ 275.00
Town Officers' Expenses	260.00
Election and Registration	130.00
Town Hall	200.00
Police Department	10.00
Health Department	5.00
Vital Statistics	5.00
State Aid Construction	168.00
Snow Removal	600.00
Town Road	525.00
Note Community Building	88.00
Libraries	12.00
Old Age Assistance	175.00
Memorial Day	20.00
Cemeteries	50.00
Interest	30.80
County Tax	343.48
School Tax	$1,425.00
White Mountain Region	15.00
TOTAL TOWN AND SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS	$4,337.28

Less Estimated Revenue and Credits:

Interest and Dividend Tax	$ 32.69	
Railroad Tax	12.85	
Savings Bank Tax	13.22	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	150.00	
Reimbursement a-c State and Federal Land	700.00	
Trust Funds	115.00	
Forest Reserve	200.00	
	$1,223.76	

Total Appropriation

Total Appropriation	$4,337.28
Less Estimated Revenue	1,223.76
Total	$3,113.52
Plus overlay 3.8%	118.44
Net amount to be raised by Taxation	$3,231.96
Less Polls	170.00
Amount to be raised by Property Tax, on which Town Tax Rate is figured	$3,061.96
Taxes to be committed to Collector	
Property	$3,061.96
Polls	170.00
Total to be committed to Collector	$3,231.96

Tax Rate $2.46

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Community Building	$5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Town Clerk's Building	200.00
Furniture and Equipment	50.00
Highway Equipment including Road Machine, Snow Plow and Wing	445.00
Town Safe	50.00
Total	$6,745.00
Property Deeded to Town by Tax Deed	$350.00

Financial Report

Of The

TOWN OF BENTON

For The Year Ending January 31, 1943

	BALANCE
ASSETS	
Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	$ 317.57
Accounts Due to the Town:	
Due from State—	
Bounties	18.80
Estimate Forest Reserve	200.00
Reimbursement a-c Federal Forest Lands	700.00
Note	89.00
Taxes bought by Town:	
(Including property deeded to Town by tax deed)	368.84
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1942 property and polls	390.62
Levy of 1941 property and polls	70.25
Levy of 1940 property and polls	66.46
Previous Years	44.52
Total Assets	$2,266.06
Grand Total	**$2,266.06**
Surplus, January 31, 1942	$1,190.88
Surplus, January 31, 1943	168.86
Decrease of Surplus	$1,022.02

The decrease in Surplus is mostly due to the Spring Flood in which the Town had to hire $1,000.00.

The State money was also not received at settling date.

SHEET January 31, 1943

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by Town:	
Building Note	$ 792.00
Bank Notes	1,200.00
Due to School District:	
Dog Licenses unpaid	25.00
Balance of Appropriation 1942	80.20
Total Liabilities	$2,097.20
Excess of assets over liabilities	168.86
Grand Total	**$2,266.06**

The School records show on back accounts the following is due the School District.

1940 dog tax	$ 44.00
1941 dog tax	61.00
Federal Forest Reserve	163.00
	$268.00

The 1942 Forest Reserve will be divided with the School as soon as received.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT

Received from Ira Elliott, Collector:

1939 Property Tax redeemed	$ 29.19
1939 Interest	11.09
1939 Cost	1.95
1940 Property Tax redeemed	48.37
1940 Interest	10.08
1940 Cost	1.95
1940 Poll Tax	2.00
1941 Property Tax bought by Town	11.01
1941 Property Tax	501.58
1941 Poll Tax	46.00
1941 Interest	25.37
1941 Cost	20.80
1942 Property Tax	2,726.18
1942 Poll Tax	112.00
1942 Interest	1.00

Received from Floyd Hutchins:

1941 Motor Vehicle Tax	1.43
1942 Motor Vehicle Tax	135.42
1942 Dog Tax	40.00

State of N. H.:

Bounties	25.20
Railroad Tax	13.02
Savings Bank Tax	9.82
Interest and Dividend Tax	32.86

Town of Landaff:

2 bags calcium	2.20

Trust Funds:	
Highways	57.00
Cemeteries	67.25
Refund Roland McKean	5.82
Ira Elliott, hay on Churchill place	5.00
Charles Blake Lot in cemetery	5.00
Woodsville Bank Notes	1,700.00
Receipts for 1942	$5,648.59
Balance 1941	1,270.00
	$6,919.30
Less orders paid	6,601.73
Cash on hand	$317.57

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT, Town Treas.

STATEMENT OF TOWN ROAD MONEY

Flood Damage not included.

Total amount raised for Roads	$525.00
1941 Balance	85.72
	$610.72
Received from Trust Funds	57.00
	$667.72
Amount expended on Roads	535.07
	$132.65

STATEMENT OF RELIEF PROGRAM

Old Age Assistance	$ 69.72
Town Poor	39.57
Total	$109.29

C. H. TYLER, Overseer.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1939 Tax collected	$ 29.19
1939 Tax uncollected	36.52
1940 Tax collected	48.37
1940 Tax uncollected	50.46
1941 Tax collected	512.59
1941 Tax uncollected	52.25
1942 Tax collected	2,726.18
1942 Tax uncollected	334.62
1939 Interest	11.09
1940 Interest	10.08
1941 Interest	25.37
1942 Interest	1.00
1939 Polls uncollected	8.00
1940 Polls uncollected	16.00
1941 Polls uncollected	18.00
1942 Polls uncollected	56.00

IRA E. ELLIOTT, Collector.

Receipts and Payments

Detailed Payments

RECEIPTS AND

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Total taxes committed to collector, 1942	$ 3,060.80
Less uncollected, 1942	334.62
Property Taxes actually collected	$2,726.18
Poll Taxes actually collected	112.00
Total of current year's collections	**$2,838.18**

Property and Poll Taxes of previous years actually collected	$ 579.14
Interest on '39, '40, '41 taxes	46.54
Interest on 1942 taxes	1.00
Costs on 1939, 1940, 1941	24.70
Taxes bought by Town '41	11.01
1941 Poll Taxes	46.00
1940 Poll Taxes	2.00

From State:

Bounties	$ 25.20
Railroad Tax	13.02
Savings Bank Tax	9.82
Interest and Dividend Tax	32.86
Total Current Revenue Receipts (Carried forward to page 22)	$3,629.47

PAYMENTS Year Ending January 31, 1943

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Detail

1. Town Officers' Salaries	$ 381.80
2. Town Officers' Expenses	263.49
3. Election and Registration	168.36
4. Town Hall	28.46
Protection of Persons and Property:	
5. Police Department	5.00
6. Bounties	18.80
Fire Department:	
7. Fire Department	11.20
Health Department:	
8. Health Officer	5.00
9. Vital Statistics	5.00
Highways and Bridges:	
10. Snow Removal	680.37
11. Town Road	535.07
12. Flood	955.65
Libraries:	
13. Librarian	12.00
Town Poor Charities:	
14. Town Poor and Old Age Asst.	109.29
Total Current Payments	
(Carried forward to page 23)	$3,179.49

RECEIPTS AND

Total Current Revenue Receipts	
(Brought forward from page 20)	$3,629.47
Trustees of Trust Funds:	
Highways	$ 57.00
Cemeteries	67.25
From Local Sources Except Taxes:	
1941 Motor Tax	$ 1.43
1942 Motor Tax	135.42
1942 Dog Tax	40.00
Refund Roland McKean	5.82
Ira Elliott hay on Churchill place	5.00
Chas. Blake Lot in cemetery	5.00
Landaff 2 calcium	2.20
Woodsville Bank Notes	1,700.00
Total Receipts	$5,648.59
Cash on hand January 31, 1942	1,270.71
Grand Total	$6,919.30

PAYMENTS	Year Ending January 31, 1943
Total Current Payments (Brought forward from page 21)	$3,179.49
Detail	
Patriotic Purposes:	
15. Memorial Day	$ 20.83
Cemeteries:	
16. Lot Bought By Town	30.00
17. Cemeteries	88.60
18. Taxes By Town	18.84
19. White Mountains Region	15.00
Payments on Notes:	
20. Interest	72.78
21. Note	500.00
22. State Aid Construction	163.43
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
23. Schools from appropriation	2,040.00
24. Dog money	40.00
25. County Tax	343.48
26. Building Note	89.28
Total Payments	**$6,601.73**
Cash on hand January 31, 1943	317.57
Grand Total	**$6,919.30**

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Detail No. 1, Town Officers' Salaries

John Boutin, collecting back taxes	$ 20.00
Charles H. Tyler, Selectman	65.00
John G. Elliott, Selectman	66.00
Ethel Boutin, Auditor	6.40
Floyd Hutchins, Motor fees	18.00
Ira Elliott, Tax Collector, to tax meeting	2.50
C. H. Tyler, Relief Agent	15.00
William Prue, Selectman	34.00
Floyd Hutchins, Clerk	41.00
Margaret Elliott, Treasurer	35.00
Ira Elliott, costs and sales	17.30
Floyd Hutchins, Dog fees	3.40
Ira Elliott, Tax Collector	50.00
C. H. Tyler, Settling 1942 accounts	8.40
	$381.80

Error of $6.00 on Town Clerk's Salary to be refunded.

Detail No. 2, Town Officers' Expenses

Harold Davison, legal services	$ 2.00
C. H. Tyler, postage and phone	8.10
N. H. Assessors, dues	2.00
Woodsville Pub. Co.	107.72
Edson C. Eastman, Town Supplies	32.80
Chamberlin's Greenhouse, flowers S. H. Dexter	8.00
John Elliott, car	27.82
Fred Shores, Deeds, Transfers	3.52
Woodsville Publishing Co.	4.65
Ira Elliott, car, inventory	5.00

Charles Dixon, transfer 2 names	.20
Wheeler & Clark, Town supplies	10.15
Margaret Elliott, postage	4.29
Ira Elliott ,postage	4.64
Dearth Agency, Bonds	20.00
Floyd Hutchins, car & trustees dinner	7.90
Archie Swett, Clerk's dues	2.00
Lisbon Bank, rent Trustees' box	4.80
Floyd Hutchins, postage	3.90
Brown Saltmarsh	4.00
	$263.49

Detail No. 3, Election and Registration

Edson C. Eastman, Checklists	$ 7.36
Charles C. Tyler, Supervisor	26.40
Napoleon Burke, Supervisor	26.40
Ethel Boutin, Supervisor	24.50
Ira Elliott, Moderator	12.00
William Crowe, Ballot Clerk	8.00
Thelma Boutin, Ballot Clerk	8.00
Joseph Boutin, Ballot Clerk	8.00
C. H. Tyler	8.00
William Prue	8.00
Alfred V. Mardin, Ballot Clerk	8.00
John Elliott	4.00
Luigi Castello, court order for special meeting	19.70
	$168.36

Detail No. 4, Town Hall

Town's Share insurance on Community Bldg.	$ 28.46

Detail No. 5, Protection of Persons & Property

Ira Elliott, Constable	$ 5.00

Detail No. 6, Fire Department

Walter Yeaton, attending fire meeting	$ 4.50
John Elliott, attending fire meeting	6.70
	$ 11.20

Detail No. 7, Bounties

Bounties Paid	$ 18.80

Detail No. 8, Health Department

Health Officer	$ 5.00

Detail No. 9, Vital Statistics

Floyd Hutchins, marriages, deaths & births	$ 3.75
Dr. S. A. Blodgett, 3 births	.75
Rev. A. T. Boland, 1 marriage	.25
Dr. H. C. Pickwick, 1 death	.25
	$ 5.00

Detail No. 10, Snow Removal

Joseph Boutin, Jr	$ 387.00
Floyd Hutchins	36.00
John Boutin, Sr.	25.20
Arthur Delaney	8.00
John Boutin, Jr.	7.00
H. C. Libby, Plow Supplies	2.35
William Prue	16.00
Frederick Glover	2.00
Paul Buzzel	2.00
Caldbeck—Cosgrove, Supplies	1.81
Jay Delaney, Labor plow	4.55
Woodsville Hardware, plow	4.86
Forrest Pike	14.00

John Elliott	12.50
Russell Elliott	2.00
Arthur Boutin	9.50
Lawrence Smith	45.00
Everett Sawyer	8.40
Joseph Boutin, Jr., Plow labor	25.00
Howard Tyler	2.00
Clinton Hill	3.50
Alfred Mardin	10.60
Lawrence Smith, Sand	27.20
Marlin Millette	7.70
Walter French	3.00
Neil Smith	5.00
Harlan Jesseman, on plow	8.20
Total	$680.37

Detail No. 11, Town Road

Joseph Boutin, Jr., Agent	$ 331.98
H. A. Lackie, Gravel	10.00
Floyd Hutchins	38.00
Napoleon Boutin	10.25
Francis Boutin	8.50
John Elliott, to Road Meeting	6.44
Joseph Boutin, Sr.	8.00
Napoleon Burke	36.50
John Boutin, Sr.	10.40
Tilden Day, Gravel	6.00
Floyd Hutchins, Gravel	6.00
Albert Boutin	8.50
John Boutin, Jr.	7.00
Frank Powers	8.00
Arthur Delaney	8.50
Arthur Boutin	31.00
Total	$ 535.07

Detail No. 12, Flood Damage

Joseph Boutin, Jr.	$ 347.20
Arthur Boutin	50.50
Floyd Hutchins	124.00
Napoleon Burke	49.50
Arthur Delaney	4.00
Albert Boutin	55.50
John Boutin, Jr.	44.50
John Boutin, Sr.	18.00
Napoleon Boutin	30.50
Chester Boutin	14.00
Russell Dexter, Gravel	6.00
William Prue	35.60
Tilden Day, Gravel	3.00
Joseph Boutin, Sr.	23.00
Ernest Page, Gravel	1.50
Frank Hannet, Gravel	6.00
Russell Elliott	39.50
Jesseman's Garage, machine labor	6.25
Paul Buzzel	14.50
Clinton Hill	11.00
Joe N. Boutin	12.00
Neil Smith	27.20
Norman Page	9.60
James Kearney	6.80
Howard Tyler	8.00
John Elliott	8.00
Total	$ 955.65

Detail No. 13, Libraries

Margaret Elliott, Librarian	$ 12.00

Detail No. 14, Town Poor

Town Poor	$ 39.57
Old Age Assistance	69.72
Total	$109.29

Detail No. 15, Patriotic Purposes

Ira E. Elliott, Memorial dinner supplies	$ 20.83

Detail No. 16, Public Service Enterprises

Charles Tyler, labor	$ 76.00
Woodsville Hardware	2.25
Scruggs Hardware	4.35
Howard Libbey	2.00
Howard Tyler, labor	4.00
Total	$ 88.60

Detail No. 17, Unclassified

Taxes bought by Town and Interest	$ 18.84

Detail No. 18,

White Mountains Region	$ 15.00

Detail No .19,

Interest	$ 72.78

Detail No. 20, Payments on Notes

Payments on Notes	$500.00

Detail No. 21, State Aid Construction

State Aid Construction	$163.43

Detail No. 22,

Payments on Community Building	$ 89.28

Detail No. 23, Payments to Gov. Divisions

County Tax	$343.48

Detail No. 24, School District

To Treasurer of Schools	$2,080.00

TRUSTEES REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Period ending January 31, 1943

Received of Ira Whitcher Fund, interest on $500.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for Cemetery $13.75

Bal. Jan. 31, 1942	12.16
	$25.91
For Cemetery	$15.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1943	10.91
	$25.91

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on $500.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for care of lot. Balance if any for School and Highways $13.75

	$13.75
Care of Lot	$ 9.75
For School	2.00
For Highways	2.00
	$13.75

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on $1,000.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for Cemetery. Balance, if any, for School and Highways $27.50

For Cemetery	$17.50
For School	5.00
For Highways	5.00
	$27.50

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on $1,500.00 and $250.00 U. S. Treasury Loans for School $50.00

To Benton School District $50.00

Received from Whitcher & Mann Fund, interest on $1,500.00 and $250.00 U. S. Treasury Loans for Highways $50.00

To Town of Benton for Highways $50.00

Received from Ella Mann Fund, interest on $50,00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. $ 1.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1942	1.16
	$ 2.16
Care of Lot	$ 1.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1943	1.16
	$ 2.16

Received from George H. Clark Fund, interest on $200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

	$ 3.30
Bal. Jan. 31, 1942	16.30
	$19.60
Care of Lot	$ 3.30
Bal. Jan. 31, 1943	16.30
	$19.60

Received from William T. Torsey Fund, interest on $50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank &Trust Co.

	$ .84
Bal. Jan. 31, 1942	.94
	$ 1.78
Care of Lot	$ .90
Bal. Jan. 31, 1943	.88
	$ 1.78

Received from Samuel C. Annis Fund, interest on $50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

	$ .84
Bal. Jan. 31, 1942	.94
	$ 1.78
Care of Lot	$ .90
Bal. Jan. 31, 1943	.88
	$ 1.78

Received from Jonathan Davis Fund, interest on $50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

	$ .84
Bal. Jan. 31, 1942	.94
	$ 1.78
Care of Lot	$ .90
Bal. Jan. 31, 1943	.88
	$ 1.78

Received from J. C. Speed Fund, interest on $134.71 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

	$ 2.29
Bal. Jan. 31, 1942	12.74
	$15.03
Care of Lot	$ 3.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1943	12.03
	$15.03

Received from Samuel Whitcher and Wm. Kendall Fund, interest on $200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

	$ 3.30
Bal. Jan. 31, 1942	19.82
	$23.12
Care of Lot	$ 6.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1943	17.12
	$23.12

Received from Kendrick L. Howe Fund, interest on $50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

	$ 1.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1942	1.02
	$ 2.02
Care of Lot	$ 1.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1943	1.02
	$ 2.02

Received from Daniel M. and Kendrick L. Howe Fund, interest on $100.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. $ 2.01

Bal. Jan. 31, 1942	.28
	$ 2.29
Care of Lots	$ 2.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1943	.29
	$ 2.29

Received from Isabella M. Tyler Fund, interest on $50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. $ 1.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1942	.22
	$ 1.22
Care of Lot	$ 1.00
Bal. Jan. 31, 1943	.22
	$ 1.22

Received from L. H. Parker Fund, rent of Cemetery Field $ 5.00

	$ 5.00
Care of Lots	$ 5.00

Total amount received from Trust Funds for the year ending Jan. 31, 1943 $176.42

Bal. Jan. 31, 1942	66.52
	$242.94

Total amount paid for care of cemetery lots, for repairing and beautifying Mountain View Cemetery, and for school and highways	$181.25
Balance deposited on check account, Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	61.69
	$242.94

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,
NAPOLEON BURKE,
JOHN G. ELLIOTT,
Trustees of Trust Funds.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Year Ending January 31, 1943

Books in Library Jan. 31, 1943	808
Books added by State	3
Books given by Dave White	5
Books given by Russell Dexter	50
Total Books Now	866
Books loaned in 1942	101
Books in Library Jan. 31, 1943	862
Books in circulation	4
Total	866

Many thanks for Books given to Library by our friends, Dave White and Russell Dexter.

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT, Librarian.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Cash on Hand Jan. 31, 1943 $66.92

MILDRED A. ELLIOTT,
Treasurer of Library Fund.

MILDRED ELLIOTT,
FRANCES MARDIN,
Library Trustees.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, and Library Trustees, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL A. BOUTIN,
Town Auditor.

February 4th, 1942.

DANCE REVENUE REPORT

For The Year Ending January 31st, 1943

Total receipts from dances and refreshments	$232.90
Bal. on hand Jan. 31, 1942	57.14
	$289.04

Payments

C. C. Tyler, janitor	$ 93.00
Supplies for hall	7.81
Carl Houn, tuning piano	6.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr., plowing school yard	2.40
E. A. Sargent, Officer's uniform	28.00
C. H. Tyler, money orders, postage and phone calls	2.54
Paid to the Red Cross	15.00
Paid to the U. S. O.	18.00
	$172.75
Bal. January 31st, 1943	117.29
	$289.04

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,
Treasurer of Dance Revenue.

Benton School Report

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Floyd Hutchins, Chairman	Term expires 1943
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Term expires 1944
Mrs. Alexzina Boutin	Term expires 1945

Other District Officers

Charles H. Tyler	Treasurer
Mrs. Frances Mardin	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Ira A. Elliott	Moderator
F. Lester Trafton	Superintendent of Schools
Arthur Delaney	Truant Officer

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

FLOYD HUTCHINS,
ETHEL BOUTIN,
ALEXZINA BOUTIN,
School Board.

F. Lester Trafton,
February 1, 1943 Superintendent of Schools.

Warrant For School Meeting

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School and Community Building in said district on the 9th day of March, 1943, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.
9. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

FLOYD HUTCHINS,
ETHEL BOUTIN,
ALEXZINA BOUTIN,
School Board.

RECEIPTS 1941—1942

State and Federal Aid:		
Equalization fund for elementary school (from state)	$ 963.92	
Special fund for fire loss	55.00	
Federal forest reserve	143.77	
Total		$1,162.69
Income from Local Taxation:		
(raised by Selectmen)		
For support of elementary and high schools 1941—42	$ 864.87	
Appropriation 1940—41	485.13	
Total		$1,350.00
Income from Other Sources:		
Income from local trust funds, 1941	$ 57.00	
Snow removal money	300.00	
Town Hall money	100.00	
Other receipts	3.01	
Total		$ 460.01
Total Receipts From All Sources		$2,972.70
Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1941		$1,647.49
GRAND TOTAL		$4,620.19

PAYMENTS 1941—1942

Administration	
Salaries of district officers	$ 40.00
Superintendent's excess salary	38.64
Truant officers and census	5.00
Expenses of administration	5.87
Instruction	
Teacher's salary	850.00
Textbooks	67.27
Scholars' supplies	33.83
Other expenses of instruction	4.81
Operation and Maintenance	
Janitor service	96.00
Fuel	44.00
Water, light, janitor's supplies	10.85
Minor repairs and expenses	98.93
Auxiliary Agencies	
Medical inspection	29.57
Transportation of pupils	509.60
High school tuition	231.98
Elementary school tuition	252.80
Other special activities	2.40
Fixed Charges	
Tax for state-wide supervision	72.00
Insurance and other fixed charges	80.00
Outlay for Construction and Equipment	
Lands and new buildings	1,827.33
New equipment	218.46
Debt, Interest and Other Charges	
Payments of bills from previous years	29.00
Total Payments For All Purposes	$4,552.34
Cash on Hand at End of Year, June 30, 1942	67.85
GRAND TOTAL	$4,620.19

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

June 30, 1942

Cash on hand:	
Balance June 30, 1942	$ 67.85
Accounts due to district:	
Appropriation 1941—1942	235.13
Federal forest reserve 1940	163.00
Dog taxes 1940	44.00
Dog taxes 1941	61.00
Total Assets	$ 570.98
Excess of Liabilities over Assets	$1,953.52
GRAND TOTAL	$2,524.50

LIABILTIES

June 30, 1942

Accounts owed by district:	
Howard Tyler (3 cd. wood)	$ 30.00
Woodsville National Bank, interest on note	84.00
N. H. Electric Cooperative Inc., lighting service	10.50
Notes outstanding:	2,400.00
Total Liabilities	$2,524.50
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	0.00
GRAND TOTAL	$2,524.50

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1942

School District of Benton

SUMMARY

Cash on hand June 30, 1941		$1,647.49
Received from Selectmen:		
Appropriations for current year	$657.90	
Bal. of previous appropriations	692.10	
Income from trust funds	57.00	
Received from State Treasurer (State Aid)	1,018.92	
Federal forest reserve	143.77	
Received from all other sources	403.01	
		$2,972.70
Total Amount Available For Fiscal Year (Balance and Receipts)		$4,620.19
Less School Board's Orders Paid		$4,552.34
Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1942 (Treasurer's bank balance)		$ 67.85

CHARLES H. TYLER,
District Treasurer

July 10, 1942

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Benton, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1942, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANCES MARDIN,
Auditor.

July 15, 1942

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1943—1944

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1943.

Detailed Statement of Estimated Expenditures

Support of Schools:

Teachers' salaries	$ 950.00
Textbooks	25.00
Scholars' supplies	30.00
Flags and appurtenances	5.00
Other expenses of instruction	5.00
Janitor service	102.50
Fuel	95.00
Water, light, janitor's supplies	28.00
Minor repairs, and expenses	55.00
Health supervision and medical inspection	30.00
Transportation of pupils	300.00
Payment of elementary tuitions	144.00
Other special activities	5.00
	$1,774.50

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of District Officers (fixed by district)	$ 36.00
Truant Officer and School census (fixed by district)	10.00
Payment of tuition in high schools and academies (estimated by board)	360.00

Superintendent's excess salary (fixed by supervisory union)	38.64
Per capita tax (reported by State Treasurer)	56.00
Payment of principal of debt	240.00
Payment of interest on debt	75.60
Other obligations	83.75
	$ 899.99
Total Amount Required To Meet School Board's Budget	$2,674.49

Estimated Income of District

Balance, June 30, 1943	$ 100.00
State Aid, December 1943 allotment (Est.)	900.00
Dog Taxes	50.00
Income from trust funds	57.00
Federal Forest Reserve	75.00
Deduct Total Estimated Income (Not raised by Taxation)	$1,182.00
Assessment Required to Balance	$1,492.44

We recommend that the District raise and appropriate the sum of $1,525.00 for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,
FLOYD HUTCHINS,
ETHEL BOUTIN,
ALEXZINA BOUTIN,
School Board.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

I herewith present my ninth annual report as superintendent of your schools.

The total enrollment for the school year 1941—42 was 18, the average membership 15.05, the percent of attendance 96.72, and the number of tardinesses 11. There were two pupils attending Haverhill Academy and one at Littleton High School. There were four elementary pupils at East Haverhill and three at Glencliff.

This year the total enrollment is 16. There are four pupils attending Haverhill Academy and four pupils attending elementary school outside the district.

Miss Alice Jezak resigned to accept a position nearer home, and Mrs. Ellen Prescott was chosen to replace her. Mrs. Prescott was a graduate of Plymouth Teachers College and had taught at Stratford and Candia. Mrs. Prescott resigned at Christmas, and Mrs. Pauline Robinson of Haverhill was hired as a substitute teacher for an indefinite period.

In general the new building has proved to be very satisfactory. The water supply failed during the very dry summer and early fall. In ordinary times this would not happen.

The School Board plans to paint the fence around the school building next summer.

Respectfully submitted,

F. LESTER TRAFTON,

Superintendent of Schools.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., For The Year Ending January 31, 1943.

Jannette Carol Elliott, born at Benton, N. H., March 14, 1942, thirteenth child, female, living, white; name of father, John G. Elliott, occupation, farm laborer, birthplace, Benton, N. H.; maiden name of mother, Mildred A. Ball, birthplace, Landaff, N. H. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

William Joseph DeRusha, born at Benton, N. H., June 7, 1942, fifth child, male, living, white; name of father, Kenneth R. DeRusha, occupation, laborer in paper mill, birthplace, Haverhill, N. H.; maiden name of mother, Marjorie L. Elliott, birthplace, Lakeport, N. H. Residence of parents, Woodsville, N. H.

Robert Gerald French, born at Benton, N. H., June 14, 1942, third child, male, living, white; name of father, Lawrence W. French, occupation, trucking, birthplace, Haverhill, N. H.; maiden name of mother, Evelyn Keniston, birthplace, Kittery, Maine. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., For The Year Ending January 31, 1943.

Russell D. Elliott and Clarissa A. Robinson, married at Haverhill, N. H., October 31st, 1942, by Rev. A. T. Boland, Clergyman; residence of groom, Benton, N. H., age, 20 years, single, occupation, laborer, born at Haverhill, N. H., father's name, John G. Elliott, mother's maiden name, Mildred A. Ball. Residence of

bride, Haverhill, N. H., age, 15 years, occupation, at home, father's name, Charles E. Robinson, mother's maiden name, Pauline R. Aldrich.

John G. Elliott, Jr., and Catherine Leona Mason, married at Benton, N. H., January 16th, 1943, by Floyd J. Hutchins, Justice of the Peace; residence of groom, Benton, N. H., age, 16, single, occupation, mill worker, born at Bath, N. H., father's name, John G. Elliott, mother's maiden name, Mildred A. Ball. Residence of bride, Lisbon, N. H., age, 16, single, occupation, housework, father's name, Clayton A. Mason, mother's maiden name, Lottie M. Dodge.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., For The YearEnding January 31, 1943.

Stephen H. Dexter, died March 11th, 1942, age, 70 years, 1 month, 12 days, born at Lisbon, N. H., white, widowed; father's name, Sylvester Dexter, maiden name of mother, Harriet E. Clark; cause of death, wound from rifle bullet.

William Davidson Brownell, died June 11th, 1942, age, 53 years, 2 month, 25 days, born at Williston, Vermont, white, single; father's name, Grove L. Brownell; maiden name of mother, Ancy Davidson; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,
Town Clerk.